

Claims

[c1] I CLAIM:

1. A bipod for a weapon comprising:
a base which is attached to the weapon;
a pair of legs which extend in a use position from said base downwards and outwards away from one another relative to a longitudinal axis of the weapon, each said leg including
an inner member having a pointed distal end and a proximal end which is attached to said base,
an outer member which freely slides relative to said inner member, said outer member including a foot at a distal end thereof having an aperture therein through which said pointed distal end of said inner member extends when said outer member is in a retracted position and hence said pointed distal end is in an exposed position, and
a holding mechanism which holds said outer member relative to said inner member such that said pointed distal end is located within said outer member adjacent said aperture of said foot when said outer member is in an extended position and hence said pointed distal end is in a withdrawn position.

- [c2] 2. A bipod as claimed in claim 1, wherein said base includes a mounting rail located between said legs.
- [c3] 3. A bipod as claimed in claim 1, wherein said base includes an upper portion, a lower portion, and a means for securing said upper portion and said lower portion together about a receiver of the weapon.
- [c4] 4. A bipod as claimed in claim 1, wherein said foot of each said leg is wider than an adjacent portion of said outer member and includes two adjacent upturned edges.
- [c5] 5. A bipod as claimed in claim 1, wherein each said pointed distal end of each said leg is made of hardened steel.
- [c6] 6. A bipod as claimed in claim 1, wherein said holding mechanism of each said leg allows free movement of said outer member relative to said inner member as said outer member moves from the retracted position to the extended position such that said pointed distal end is easily changed between the exposed position to the withdrawn position by pulling on said outer member.
- [c7] 7. A bipod as claimed in claim 6, wherein said holding mechanism of each said leg is automatically engaged as

said outer member is moved from the retracted position to the extended position and hence said pointed distal end is changed from the exposed position to the withdrawn position.

- [c8] 8. A bipod as claimed in claim 7, wherein said holding mechanism of each said leg includes a spring loaded latch extending from an inside surface of said outer member of each said leg.
- [c9] 9. A bipod as claimed in claim 1, wherein said base includes a mounting means for mounting each said leg thereto for pivoted movement to a position parallel and adjacent to the longitudinal axis of the weapon.
- [c10] 10. A bipod as claimed in claim 9, wherein said mounting means of each said leg mounts each said leg for movement either forwards or rearwards from the use position.
- [c11] 11. A bipod as claimed in claim 2, wherein said base includes an upper portion, a lower portion, and a means for securing said upper portion and said lower portion together about a receiver of the weapon.
- [c12] 12. A bipod as claimed in claim 11, wherein said holding mechanism of each said leg allows free movement of said outer member relative to said inner member as said

outer member moves from the retracted position to the extended position such that said pointed distal end of each said leg is easily changed between the exposed position to the withdrawn position by pulling on said outer member.

[c13] 13. A bipod as claimed in claim 12, wherein said holding mechanism of each said leg is automatically engaged as said outer member is moved from the retracted position to the extended position and hence said pointed distal end of each said leg is changed from the exposed position to the withdrawn position.

[c14] 14. A bipod as claimed in claim 1, wherein said base includes a mounting means for mounting each said leg thereto for pivoted movement to a position parallel and adjacent to the longitudinal axis of the weapon.